The year-wise break-up is given below:

	(Rs in Cr.)
1983-84	163.14
1984-85	181.59
1985-86	229.10
1986-87	309.99
1987-88	346.96
Total	1230.78

(b) The approved outlay for current financial year i.e. 1988-89 is Rs. 432.09 crores. The proposed outlay for next year i.e. 1989-90 is 396.07 crores. The outlay for the Eighth Five Year Plan for the Space Programme i.e from 1990-91 to 1994-95 is yet to be finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir. The objective of the Indian Space Programme is to develop self-reliance in the matter of putting Outer Space to peaceful national uses. The results achieved so far in the two major areas of Satellite application, namely Communication and Remote Sensing, amply justify the expenditure. Our Space Programme now provides nationwide television, substantial addition to our telecommunication facility including connecting the mainland with off-shore islands and assists in meteorological forecasting. In addition, Remote Sensing from space is now being extensively used to monitor our country's natural resources such as agriculture, mineral resources, underground water targetting, forestry, water resources, wasteland development, ocean resources and drought and flood management.

Setting up of flood forecasting

504. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in the country having Flood Forecasting stations;

(b) what is the number of forecast reports issued by each of these stations during each of the last three years;

(c) whether a decision was taken some time back to set up such a station in Punjab/Chandigarh;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not executing the decision so far; and

(e) whether the desirability of doing so has been considered afresh and if so, by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) In all, 147 flood forecasting stations have been set up on some of the inter-State rivers.

(b) These stations issued 4,783 in 1986, 5,813 in 1987 and about 6,731 in 1988 flood forecasts.

(c) to (e) The Bhakra-Beas Management Board maintains a network of wireless stations for upstream catchment areas.

Physical checking of the scheme under 20-Point Programme

505. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided sometime back to adopt two villages in every District to conduct intensive physical checking of the schemes under the 20-Point Programme; and

(b) if so, what are the results of such monitoring in the State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.